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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee  
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager  
DATE: February 21, 2018  
SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING EXCESSIVE DOG FECES THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

### **BACKGROUND**

At the City Commission meeting on February 14, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee regarding the compilation of fecal matter in Miami Beach.

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A cleanliness assessment has been initiated by the Mayor and City Commission, which has been aimed to reduce the amount of litter and/or debris disposed within our city's limits.

In 2014, Public Works considered whether or not it would be beneficial for the City to hire an outside vendor to focus on the collection of fecal matter. The Sanitation Division consequently was tasked with evaluating this process along with a third party. Over a two month evaluation, it was determined this task would be best handled internally, since the Sanitation Division has crews whose scope include multi-family areas five days per week and the removal of fecal matter was a key component in their scope of services. Additionally, it was determined there was no increase in fecal matter during the cleanliness assessments conducted. Therefore, the need to hire an outside source to perform these services was not warranted.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Sanitation Division collected fecal matter in March and April of 2014 as part of the assessment and provided the supporting data. The Sanitation crews were responsible for daily collection of fecal matter five days per week while simultaneously collecting litter. The fecal matter was placed in a garbage bag and placed in a garbage receptacle. At the end of the collection week the fecal matter was weighed and documented.

The Sanitation crews removed fecal matter from the areas known as South A, South B, Flamingo, North A, Harding and 71st Street which totaled 218.5 pounds collected between March and April of 2014. Out of a total six areas, it was determined that the two areas that had a substantial amount of fecal matter were in the area of North A and Flamingo. The area known as North A had a total of sixty-one (61) pounds of fecal matter collected between March and April 2014. The Flamingo area had fifty-seven (57) pounds of fecal matter collected between these same two months.

Based upon the collection of fecal matter and litter collection within the Sanitation Division's scope of service; it was determined that an outside vendor would not be in the best interest of the City financially.

### **CONCLUSION**

The following is presented to the members of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee for discussion and further direction.

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